SI. No.	Name of Regional Passport Offices	Pending cases	
		Police report awaited	Pending with Passport Office
14.	Jaipur	380	67
15.	Jallandhar	2622	—
16.	Jammu	—	—
17.	Kozhikode	—	283
18.	Lucknow	1519	192
19.	Mumbai	1334	415
20.	Nagpur	—	—
21.	Panaji	—	—
22.	Patna	150	—
23.	Pune	4761	—
24.	Srinagar	3107	69
25.	Thane	7334	415
26.	Trichy	500	88
27.	Trivandrum	3	29
28.	Vishaka'nam	25	2

China's support to Pakistan

1565. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China has pledged support to the Pakistan's Military regime declaring that she could continue to faster comprehensive partnership with Islamabad;

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government expect a set back in Sino-Indian relations and if so, steps proposed to counteract the set back; and

(d) what further steps Government could take to improve the India's image in the diplomatic world *vis-a-vis* Pakistan's new regime and its anti-Indian stand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJTT KUMAR PANJA): (a) During the visit of General Pervez Musharraf to China on February 17-18, 2000, Chinese official media quoted China's President Jiang Zemin as having stated that he would like to see a more stable and prosperous Pakistan in the future. Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji was reported as having stated that irrespective of international or domestic changes, the Chinese Government will continue to foster its comprehensive partnership with Pakistan.

(b) While it is for China and Pakistan to decide the nature of their relationship, we remain concerned at certain aspects of this relationship which adversely affect our security. This includes Sino-Pak defence co-operation including in the nuclear weapons and missile development programme. We have made known our concerns to the Chinese side.

(c) We seek friendly, co-operative, good-neighbourly and mutually beneficial relationship with China. This year, India and China are commemorating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. The President stated in his Address to Parliament on 23rd February 2000 that he would undertake a State visit to China in May this year.

(d) The international community has been sensitised to Pakistan's compulsive hostility towards India and its sponsorship of terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and elsewhere in India. The international community now recognises Pakistan's state sponsorship of terrorism and its impact on the security of India and the region.

National Command Authority in Pakistan

1566. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a National Command Authority (NCA) with an apex body, *viz.* Employment Control Committee (ECC) has been set up, in Pakistan to control and command her nuclear weapons;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is proposed to take similar steps in India and set up a similar authority; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?